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**Administrative Director Declares Illinois Associate Judge
Appointed in the Fifth Judicial Circuit**

Michael J. Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the Fifth Judicial Circuit judges voted to select Mark E. Bovard as an associate judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Bovard received his undergraduate degree in 1994 from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois, and his Juris Doctor in 1997 from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Mr. Bovard is currently affiliated with Heller, Holmes & Assoc., P.C. in Mattoon, Illinois.